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NCERT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT published text books are studied exclusively by the students of CBSE affiliated schools; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the subjects in which NCERT books are exclusively prescribed and since when?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) and (b) The textbooks prepared and published by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) are used mainly in schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). For classes I to VIII, these schools are free to choose textual materials prepared on NCERT Curriculum including books published by private publishers. For classes IX and X, CBSE recommends NCERT textual material for all subjects except for those for which CBSE publishes its own textual material. For classes XI and XII, CBSE recommends a list of private publications alongwith NCERT books. A few States also use NCERT textbooks with or without adaptation. NCERT textbooks were first used in CBSE-affiliated schools in 1964-65.